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Applicant: John C.K. Hui
Confirmation No.: 1546
Examiner: Kevin Thao Truong
Title: High Efficiency External Counterpulsation Apparatus and Method for Controlling Same
Attorney Docket: 4857-000001/CPF

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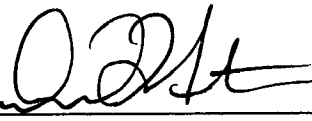
On May 6, 2009, Applicant electronically filed a Statement Claiming Small Entity Status Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.27(c) (a copy is attached hereto). On May 7, 2009, Applicant filed the 3.5 year Maintenance Fee by mail at the small entity rate of \$490 (a copy of the postcard is attached hereto). Pursuant to the attached Notice of Special Acceptance of Patent Maintenance Fee dated May 15, 2009, Deposit Account No. 08-0750 was charged the difference between the small entity and large entity fees (an additional \$490). Since Applicant believes the written assertion of small entity status was properly filed prior to the payment of the maintenance fee,

Applicant requests that the \$490 previously charged to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 be refunded.

Favorable consideration of this request is respectfully submitted.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: June 2, 2009

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Confirmation Number:	1546
Title of Invention:	HIGH EFFICIENCY EXTERNAL COUNTERPULSATION APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR CONTROLLING SAME
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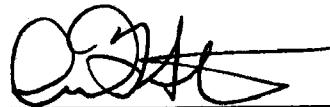
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STATEMENT CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. 1.27(C)

Applicant hereby states that the Assignee of the subject application (Vasomedical, Inc., 180 Linden Avenue, Westbury, New York 11590) is entitled to small entity status pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 41(h) and 37 C.F.R. 1.27(a)(2). In particular, Assignee qualifies as a small business concern, as defined in 13 C.F.R. 121.801 through 121.805, and has not assigned, granted, conveyed, or licensed, and is under no obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey, or license, any rights in the invention to any person, concern, or organization which would not qualify for small entity status as a person, small business concern, or nonprofit organization.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: May 6, 2009

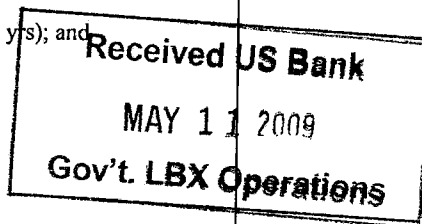
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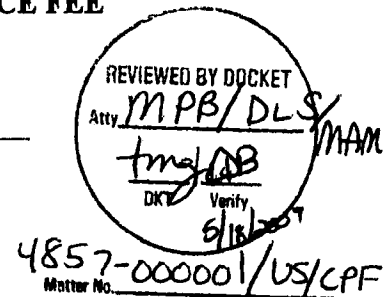
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